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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark Dehdashtian, et al.)

Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 09/911,353)

Examiner: Andre K. Jackson

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR
MEASURING COMPLIANCE OF STENTS
AND STENTED GRAFTS)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 3, 2002, please note the following remarks.

DECLARATION

The inventor declaration was alleged by the Examiner to be defective because it did not include the proper averment of original inventorship. Applicants respectfully disagree. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of previously submitted Declaration is attached herewith. Please note that the third line of page 1 of the "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney" expressly states: "I believe I am an original joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought" Therefore, it is believed that Declaration is correct and acceptable as filed. However, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if there is some other language in the Declaration to which the Examiner objects.

DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to for failing to include several reference signs that appear in the description. However, all reference signs mentioned by the Examiner were specifically described in reference to Figure 3 on page 8 of the specification, there were also present in the